

**ABSTRACT**

An apparatus for transferring commands includes a scanner including a first port and a second port coupled together through a communication bus, and control logic associated with the communication bus, the control logic configured to control the passage of data over the communication bus. The invention also includes a method for communicating commands from a keyboard to a scanner comprising the steps of connecting a scanner to a computer over a communication bus in the scanner, and connecting a keyboard to the communication bus, where the communication bus passes commands from the keyboard directly to the computer.

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